

## Food Company, Inc.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary Securities and Exchange Commission 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20549-0609

Re: Commission Order No. 4-460 pursuant to Section 21(a)(i)

Dear Mr. Katz:

Transmitted herewith are written statements under oath of David H. Murdock, Dole Food Company, Inc.'s Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Richard J. Dahl, Dole Food Company, Inc.'s Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, both in the form of Exhibit A to the above-captioned Order and each declaring that the contents of the statement have been reviewed with the Audit Committee of Dole Food Company, Inc.'s Board of Directors.

C. Michael Carter

## STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS

- I. David H. Murdock, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Dole Food Company, Inc. state and attest that:
- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Dole Food Company, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
  - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
  - no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
- I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Audit Committee of the Board of (2) Directors of Dole Food Company, Inc.
- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
  - the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Dole Food Company, Inc. for the fiscal year ended December 29, 2001;
  - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Dole Food Company, Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
  - any amendments to any of the foregoing.

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Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me

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This and day of

David H. Murdock

Date

Notary Public - California Los Angeles County

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MARSHAL, CHEW Commission # 1344955

Signature of Notery Public

My Commission expires: